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SUBJ: PERON MEETS WITH YOUTH

1. SUMMARY. PERON MET WITH YOUTH LEADERS OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE RESULT THAT THE YOUTH SEEM TO BE FULLY REINCORPORATED INTO THE PERONIST MAINSTREAM. THE ARMED GROUPS SUCH AS ERP WHICH ARE CONTINUING THEIR ACTS OF TERRORISM APPEAR TO HAVE BECOME MORE ISOLATED FROM ONE OF THEIR MAIN SUPPORTING GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. PERON MET FOR A LITTLE OVER 2 HOURS ON SEPT 8 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YOUTH WING OF THE MOVEMENT. THE MEETING WAS HELD WITH OVER 30 YOUTHS FROM THE VARIOUS PERONIST YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH COVER A WIDE SPECTRUM OF BELIEFS.

3. AFTER THE MEETING STATEMENTS WERE MADE TO THE PRESS BY SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS. THEY UNIFORMLY STRESSED THE NEED FOR A RESTRUCTURING OF THEIR BRANCH AND FOR UNITY. THERE WAS EVEN SOME MILD CRITICISM OF THE RECENT ERP ATTACK ON THE ARMY HEALTH HQ FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER. MARIO FIRMEINICH OF THE MONTONEROS REFERRED TO THE EVENT AS "NOT CORRESPONDING TO THE MOVEMENT" AND "PERFORMING A COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ROLE".

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4. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED AT THE TERMINATION OF THE MEETING THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE YOUTH AND OTHER BRANCHES OF THE MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN REPRESENTATIONAL LEADERSHIP. THESE WILL MOST LIKELY BE HELD AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

5. COMMENT. THE APPARENT HARMONY AND DEGREE TO WHICH THE VARIOUS FACTIONS WERE WILLING TO FORGET THEIR DIFFERENCES FOR THE SAKE OF UNITY WAS SURPRISING. EVEN THE SO-CALLED SPECIAL FORMATIONS (THE MONTONEROS AND REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES FAR) SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN REINCORPORATED INTO THE PERONIST MAINSTREAM. FOR THE MOST PART THIS RESULT SEEMS TO BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO PERON'S SKILLFUL APPLICATION OF HIS CARROT AND STICK TECHNIQUE (SEE BA 6599) IN DRAWING THE YOUTH CLOSER TO HIM. ONE RESULT OF THE MEETING IS TO FURTHER ISOLATE ERP AND ANY OTHERS WHO ARE NOT READY TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS. IT WOULD SEEM LIKELY THAT THE ATTEMPT AT RE-STRUCTURING AND UNIFYING THE YOUTH SHOULD HOLD THINGS TOGETHER THROUGH THE ELECTION; THE LONG RUN IS ANOTHER QUESTION HOWEVER. THAT WILL PROBABLY DEPEND ON HOW SATISFIED EACH OF THE VARIOUS FACTIONS IS WITH PERON' POLICIES ONCE HE TAKES OFFICE.
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